

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:  
an imaging device ~~for forming that forms~~ a digital image data of an object;  
a memory ~~for storing that stores~~ a plurality of programs each to embed a watermark on the digital image data;  
a program selector ~~for selecting that selects~~ one of the plurality of programs;  
and  
an embedding circuit ~~for embedding that embeds~~ the watermark on the image data according to the program selected by the program selector.
- 2-4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising a transmitter ~~for transmitting that transmits~~ the digital image data to a place remote from the camera and a controller ~~for inhibiting that inhibits~~ the transmitter from transmitting the digital image data to a place where the watermark caused by the selected program is not available.
6. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising a transmitter ~~for transmitting that transmits~~ the digital image data to a place remote from the camera and a controller ~~for replacing that replaces~~ the selection of the program if the digital image data is to be transmitted to a place where the watermark caused by the selected program is not available.
7. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising a transmitter ~~for transmitting that transmits~~ the digital image data to a place remote from the camera and a controller ~~for giving that gives~~ a warning if the digital image data is to be transmitted to a place where the watermark caused by the selected program is not available.
8. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:  
an imaging device ~~for forming that forms~~ a digital image data of an object;  
an embedding circuit ~~for embedding that embeds~~ a watermark on the digital image data;  
a transmitter ~~for transmitting that transmits~~ the digital image data to a place remote from the camera; and

a controller-for inhibiting that inhibits the transmitter from transmitting the digital image data on which the watermark is failed to be embedded.

9. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 8, further comprising a place selector-for selecting that selects the place to which the digital image data is transmitted, wherein the controller determines whether or not to actually inhibit the transmission in dependence on the selection of the place by the place selector.

10. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:  
an imaging device-for forming that forms a digital image data of an object;  
an embedding circuit-for embedding that embeds the watermark on the digital image data; and  
a controller-for controlling that controls the embedding circuit to surely embed the watermark on the digital image data on which the watermark is failed to be embedded.

11. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 10, further comprising a transmitter-for transmitting that transmits the digital image data to a place remote from the camera and a place selector-for selecting that selects the place, wherein the controller determines whether or not to actually control the embedding circuit to embed the watermark in dependence on the selection of the place by the place selector.

12. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:  
an imaging device-for forming that forms a digital image data of an object;  
an embedding circuit-for embedding that embeds the watermark on the digital image data; and  
a controller-for giving that gives a warning if the watermark is failed to be embedded.

13. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 12, further comprising a transmitter-for transmitting that transmits the digital image data to a place remote from the camera and a place selector-for selecting that selects the place, wherein the controller determines whether or not to actually give the warning in dependence on the selection of the place by the place selector.

14-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:  
an imaging device-for forming that forms a digital image data of an object;  
an embedding circuit-for embedding that embeds a watermark on the digital image data□

a setting circuit ~~for setting~~ that sets whether or not to have the embedding circuit embed the watermark; and

a controller ~~for that~~ forcibly ~~controlling~~ controls the embedding circuit to embed the watermark if the setting by the setting circuit is failed.

20-22. (Cancelled)